
Title: INTERSTIAL REGIONAL AIRCRAFT BOARDING PIER, AND METHOD OF USING SAME

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2004, and to the interview conducted with Examiner Eldred on or about October 13, 2004.

Claims 16-21 are canceled, and claims 22-29 are added; as a result, claims 1-16 and 22-29 are now pending in this application.

No new matter was added by the amendments. Support for new claims 22-26 comes from the disclosure at page 13, beginning at line 11, and elsewhere throughout the disclosure. Support for new claims 27-29 comes from the specification at pages 7-9 and elsewhere throughout the disclosure.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 16-21 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite.

Applicant has cancelled claims 16-21, in favor of filing method claims in a Continuation Application and at Applicant's option. Accordingly, this rejection is mooted.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-21 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant respectfully considers the claims unobvious over the cited references. However, because the instant application claims priority to the cited applications, and because the term of the instant application, as a patent, will expire on even date therewith, Applicant will provide a Terminal Disclaimer.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney, John Greaves at (801) 278-9171 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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